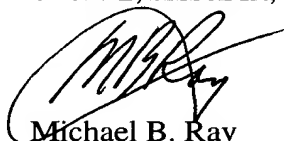


steerable leading guide wire species represented by claims 30-47, 49-50, 55-59, 61-64 and 66-71. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to non-elected inventions should the restriction requirement be made final.

Respectfully submitted,

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